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rods on the base of the element that excites the cavity
(claim 7).

It is possible to adjust the input impedance, without it being necessary to modify the cavity or the dipoles, simply by adjusting the size and the distance at which the metal plate is welded (claim 3). This distance for securing the metal plate is less than $\lambda/2$ with respect to the rear wall of the cavity, λ being the wavelength of the central working bandwidth frequency (claim 2).

By giving the metal plate different geometrical shapes, it is possible to control and to adjust, in a simple manner, the contrapolar polarization level and decoupling between dipoles (claim 5).

A number of antennas like that of the invention may be grouped together to form an array structure. The array structure is produced from steel and subjected to an electrolytic bath, whilst the radome is produced from glass-fiber/polyester. The electrolytic bath is in copper and white brass (claims 12, 13 and 14).

By adjusting the profiles and the heights of the cavity's side walls and also the dimensions of the cavity, different radiation patterns can be formed, with different characteristics such as main beam width or level of principal to side lobe, for example (claim 15).

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possible to arrange a small bar or strip of metal whereby better reception of the waves received laterally can be achieved, the effect of incorrect adjustment of the polarization owing to the lateral arrival of the waves at the antenna being compensated for by means of the small bars and strips mentioned (claim 8).

By adjusting the distances at which the metal plates of the antennas of the array are positioned, it is possible partially to cancel out the reflections produced on the antenna's protective housing (claim 9).

By modifying the size, profiles of the side walls of the cavity and the height thereof, and also the size of the cavity and the height thereof, as well as the size of the cavity, it is possible to even further improve the decoupling between dipoles and contrapolar polarization level (claim 16).

Documents taken into consideration:

- D1 US 6747606 (2004.06.08)
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Document D1 describes an array of double polarization dipoles for use in mobile communications systems. The element that excites the cavities of the array is a structure formed by a base and a pair of dipoles, the arms of which are arranged as a V (column 2, line 19).

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Document D2 describes an antenna formed by a radiating element to whose end is connected a metal plate, connected to earth, whereby it is possible to adapt the input impedance of the antenna without the need to modify the structure of the rest of the antenna. By modifying the shape and distance of said metal plate, it is possible to adjust the input impedance.

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Document D3 describes an array of radiating elements with dual polarization. The radiating elements and the cavity, which is formed by an earth plane and walls, determine the characteristic impedance, the radiation pattern and

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the radiation characteristics of the antenna.

The antenna may be made from brass, copper or aluminum
(column 3, line 29).

The walls of the cavity affect the radiation
characteristics of the antenna (column 5, line 38), and
the parasitic elements may be established.

Document D4 describes an antenna formed by a monopole
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Novelty (N)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	8-12	YES
	Claims	1-7, 13-16	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>The present invention relates to a rear cavity antenna excited with one or more dipoles in a single piece, which is secured to the cavity. On the piece that excites the cavity there is a metalized plate, connected electrically to earth, thereby preventing the antenna from charging electrostatically (claim 1).</p> <p>The cavity is made from steel and subjected to an electrolytic bath, whilst the layer protecting the antenna is made from glass fiber with polyester (claim 10). The electrolytic bath is in copper and white brass (claim 11).</p> <p>The standard coaxial cable is connected directly to the input of the dipoles, without the need for intermediate transformers, cable portions with a different characteristic impedance or any modification to said cables in order to adjust the antenna input impedance (claim 4).</p> <p>The metal plate is secured to the element that excites the cavity by means of rods (claim 6). There are emergent bosses or nipples for accommodating the lower end of the</p>			

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